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KEYSTONERS

Pull Off Charlie Chaplin Stunt in Lil Ol' Bardstown.

Last Friday evening two policemen from Louisville, A. P. Gueda and G. S. Pfeiffer, by name, staged a detective act in Bardstown that made Sherlock Holmes look like "Timothy" of Squire Penury's Court. These gentlemen of the law were looking for a witness who was wanted in some trial in Louisville. The witness had been located in Bardstown and they had come after him wearing the full regalia of the Keystone, and a habeas corpus smile. These men were real, honest-to-goodness sleuths and on a hot trail at that. Not mere joyriders they, but men with a mission to perform. The campaign had been planned with care and these two selected to go over the top. Silently and with untiring horn they motored to the hotel, where their unsuspecting quarry was prospectively pounding his ear. While the night clerk at the hotel and the night owl in the hotel lobby adjusted their gas masks the gentlemen of the law signed the register and then asked for a room. When they had retired the bystanders crowded around the book, gazed at the signatures, and ejaculated expressions of wonderment. Sam Peters, of the local force, and even Chief Tong were stricken dumb at the sight of the uniforms and cued their brains to know what Keystoneers were doing in Lil Ol' Bardstown. The news spread on the sleepy town was on the quiver awaiting developments. All who spied the uniforms and read the signatures agreed that there would be something doing after the gentlemen from Louisville had rested. Bright and early Saturday morning the policemen, refreshed by sound slumber, appeared in the lobby of the hotel; the man they wanted was there also. While waiting for breakfast to be announced conversation was general, both the hunters and the hunted taking part. The hunters silently wondering where their man could be, and the hunted saying not a word to disturb their pipe dreams. In the dining room they were placed at the same table, the hunters on one side, the hunted facing them. During the meal they conversed with each other. When the man who was wanted finished his breakfast he walks to the clerk's desk, settled his bill, then got into his car and went about his business. A few minutes afterward the sleuths inquired of the clerk, Hubert Hinkle, where they could find Mr. So-and-So, stating that they wanted to take him back to Louisville in their car. When the clerk, who is also Deputy Sheriff, heard who they wanted he informed the policemen that they had talked to him before breakfast, sat at the same table with him during breakfast, and then saw him get into his car. They were dumfounded. Mr. Hinkle pointed out the name of the hotel register, showed that he had settled and gone, leaving no word when he would return. The disappointed cops tried to pick up the lost trail, but could not. Then slowly and sadly they climbed into their car and returned to Louisville.

WOULD BE HEARTENING.

Editor Kentucky Irish American:
Lockport, Ky., April 13, 1919—In an article in the Courier-Journal of Thursday, 3rd inst., the "Irish Catholic" to the defense of the Y. M. C. A. Since then I've seen the same article in a number of other newspapers. What gets me is that, after such a hearty word for the Y. M. C. A., this Irish Catholic should fail to give his name. Certainly no one should be ashamed of such a noble spirit, and we sincerely hope he will come out in the good old open, for it is good to know a man who can say a good word for an organization that is known to be unfriendly to his faith. At least I understand that a Catholic can not hold office in the Y. M. C. A. Anyway, hurrah for "Irish Catholic!" He has done something! May we hope there is some one in the other camp big enough to follow his fine example. It surely would be heartening to see a spontaneous outburst from some non-Catholic or anti-Catholic in praise of the great work done by the Knights of Columbus. But—the Irish are in a crisis! Here comes "Irish Catholic," all by himself and no one looking, and goes over the top and doesn't think enough of the performance to hand out his name. Glory be! Some one has said, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." Common justice in the daily press would be a startling but pleasant sight, not to mention that it would be good for sore eyes and a troubled heart and would make for a world of betterment all around.

RICHARD O'HEARN,
Irish Catholic No. 2.

MEDAL FOR DUVAL.

George L. Duval, of New York City, has been awarded the Laetare Medal for 1919, for his many deeds of Christian philanthropy. He has contributed more than half a million dollars to various causes. Mr. Duval was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1860, and received a liberal Catholic education. He is one of the most prominent figures in the export trade circles of the nation's metropolis. Nearly all of his philanthropy has been devoted to the honor of Mary Immaculate. It was through his financial assistance that the great need in Brooklyn of a preparatory seminary for boys, aspiring to the priesthood was fulfilled in the present Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. The Mission of the Immaculate Conception on Staten Island has been handsomely benefited by his liberality, and the Catholic University not long ago received from him a large sum for the endowment of a chair for the exposition of the

dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Like all true philanthropists he has not overlooked the needy little ones. He has donated to the Franciscan Sisters means sufficient to establish at White Plains a home for crippled children. Not long ago he added a spacious wing to the Municipal Hospital of Valparaiso, Chile, and called it "La Purissima."

CENTRAL VEREIN.

The convention of the Central Verein, which was omitted last year owing to the war, will be held in Chicago during September, according to a decision just reached by the Executive Board of the organization. Archbishop Mundelein invited the Central Verein to meet in Chicago and has accepted an invitation to address the convention. San Antonio, Texas, had been selected for the 1918 convention, but the circumstances attending the war made a postponement advisable. At the convention in Chicago the programme of social action during the era of reconstruction will be further developed. In the meantime the welfare work of the organization for soldiers will be continued.

SAVE MORE.

The United States Department of Labor did not have the victory long in mind when it wrote one of its slogans to the millions of workers, but it could not possibly have written two sentences that more directly pointed to it than the following:

"Make sure that in a few years from now you will have the reward of the extra hard work you are doing today? Save your excess wages!"

HOLY NAME POLICEMAN.

Members of the Holy Name Society in the Police Department of New York attended mass last Sunday morning at St. Patrick's Cathedral and received holy communion in a body. There were 1,578 patrolmen and officers present and mass was said by Rev. John J. Coogan, chaplain of the society. Archbishop Hayes and Monsignor Deane, Papal Delegate, were present, the latter bestowing the Pontifical blessing.

WIDOWS EXCEED.

Widows outnumber widowers in the United States three to one.

EASTER.

A glory and a blessing filled the earth that holy morn,
Sweet as songs the angels caroled
On the night that Christ was born;
All the tragedy, the mystery and woe was swept away
By the living Christ who conquered Death
The first glad Easter day!

The glory of centuries has been our faith in Him
Unshaking and unaltering throughout the ages dim,
The star that shone o'er Bethlehem
The night our Lord was born
Still gleamed with holy radiance
The first glad Easter morn.

At Easter-tide the story of a living Christ rings true,
At Easter-tide his blessing seems to come to me—to you.
We hear again the anthem,
"He Is Risen," as old,
And his boundless love seems ever all his children to unfold,
Making us to feel the nearness of his presence—we are kin.
For the Easter-tide tells truly
We all belong to Him!
James A. Averdick, A. B., M. D.

LITTLE THINGS COUNT.

The little things count, whether in peace or war, and by following out that maxim the Knights of Columbus have made a big hit with the American soldiers and sailors overseas. Knowing that the boys missed many of the little things of home, even with generous provision of food, clothing, etc., by Uncle Sam, the Knights have sought out ways and means of providing the men in the service with the little things that a mother or father or sister or brother would most like to see them have. When it was realized how great a scarcity of soap there was in Europe the Knights ordered millions of cakes of soap, all bearing a handsome red and blue shield, with letters reminding the boys that they were absolutely welcome to the soap without any charge. Towels were also supplied to the men, and at numerous places in France the K. of C. put up shower baths. Boys in hospitals often lost their entire kits before they got there, so the Knights supplied them with shaving brushes and cream and serviceable safety razors. Matches are exceedingly scarce in Germany, so the Knights, true to form, supply book matches to the American army of occupation. Also cots in the head are prevalent in Europe. Again the Knights come to the rescue of the boys with thousands of khaki handkerchiefs. In London and Paris, where mud often prevails, the Knights have instituted free shoe-brushes in their club rooms, the boys doing their own shining. And in a score of other little ways the K. of C. have made known to the boys that the money contributed to their fund was simply given to the Knights as a means for passing on its benefits to the sons and brothers of the donors.

PROHIBITION BOOTLEGGERS.

The United States net recently caught in its mesh one of the most trusted "liquor sleuths" of the country, a State official of Michigan, William B. Chase, who had made his reputation by capturing the famous Billingsleys. According to the Michigan State Commissioner, Fred L. Woodward, he was at the time of his own capture by the Federal agents professing to watch an operation of liquor shipments from Milwaukee which he himself was controlling. It is estimated that contracts of liquor shipments amounting to \$20,000 had already been made by him in advance at Grand Rapids. In its account of the charges against the former State's rum detective the Detroit Free Press says:

"Chase's fall made a profound sensation at the Capitol. He had been so highly complimented by everybody for his 'work' in the Billingsley cases that he was considered the best rum-running detective in the State and in the country for that matter. Gov. Sleeper, at the time he was working with the Billingsleys, even went to Chicago and interceded with the army officials to have his actual reporting under the draft held back for a few weeks. And on the Governor's request it was done. Chase is twenty-three years old, a graduate of the University of Michigan, a fine chemist and socially a good fellow, as was attested by his friends made in Lansing."

This is of a piece with the finding, according to the C. P. A. correspondence in the Catholic Tribune, of "an illicit distillery on the Black Belt Farm in Lowndes county, Ala., of which Perley A. Baker, founder of the Anti-Saloon League of America, is manager."

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